

CISPG LEARNING

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George

"All learners thriving in connected Catholic Learning Communities"



Hello everyone! This has been a week of profound sorrow and continued trauma as communities across BC and Canada have mourned the loss of the children of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School on the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc First Nation. As staff members in Catholic Independent Schools, Diocese of Prince George, we stand with the Bishops of Canada who "pledge to continue walking side by side with Indigenous Peoples in the present, seeking greater healing and reconciliation for the future." As educators, let us continue to learn, reflect, and renew our collective efforts to deepen our understandings and do our part in reconciliation. I hope you find the resources in this issue helpful.



**"Education is the key to
reconciliation -
education got us into
this mess and education
will get us out of it."**

- HON. MURRAY SINCLAIR



As this will be the last Learning Update for the year, I would like to inform you that I will be leaving my role as CISPG Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction and moving to Sidney on Vancouver Island. However, during the transition to our new Learning Services Team model, I will continue to work remotely with CISPG and will most definitely continue to share the CISPG Learning Update ☺ Thank you so much for all that you do and have a most excellent, refreshing summer break!



Frances Roch, Coordinator, Curriculum and Instruction
We respectfully acknowledge the unceded ancestral lands of the indigenous nations in which we live, work and play. The Lheidli T'enneh Nation in Prince George. The Tsimshian Nation in Prince Rupert. The Haisla Nation in Kitimat. The Wet'suwe'ten in Smithers. The Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta in Dawson Creek.



Congratulations to our recently hired **Learning Services Team Consultants** who will be working to support teachers and schools next year:

- Jenna Gilbertson
- Natalie Nundal
- Melodie Van Der Meer
- Sharlene Weingart

I wish you all the best in your new roles ☺

New Resources

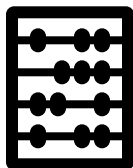
All of the resources mentioned in this newsletter have been collected from school districts and educators across the province. Please be reminded that the links embedded within this document are meant to provide examples of “wise practice” across BC. They are not meant to overwhelm, but rather to support CISPG educators with a repository of rich resources. I am grateful to school districts and educators across BC who so generously share their learning with us.

Literacy



- Shared by **Adrienne Gear** @AdrienneGear: Adrienne’s OLLI – Online Learning Lesson Idea #22 – **Making a Difference**: <https://readingpowergear.wordpress.com/2021/05/17/adriennes-olli-online-learning-lesson-idea-22-making-a-difference/>
- Shared by @mypgnow – Children’s book celebrates Lheidli T’enneh History: **Ceepee and the Fish Camp**: <https://www.myprincegeorgenow.com/140996/childrens-book-celebrates-lheidli-tenneh-history/>
- Shared by Jo Chrona @luudisk on Twitter – Thomas King, a Canadian American writer of Cherokee and Greek ancestry who is regarded as one of the most influential Indigenous writers and scholars of his generation, is publishing his first graphic novel on September 7, 2021 – **Borders**. Read more about his new book here: <https://www.cbc.ca/books/thomas-king-publishing-his-first-graphic-novel-get-a-sneak-peek-now-1.6014328>

Numeracy



- Shared by Nici Foote @feetetweet – The importance of Subitizing in #earlyyears #numberconcepts. I highly recommend @eriksonmath **Early Math Collaborative** for wonderful pedagogically driven math support: <https://earlymath.erikson.edu/playing-card-games/>
- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 – Check out **FREE** webinar June 30 4pm PST “**Mathigon Teacher Tools**” <https://eventbrite.com/e/mathigon-teacher-tools-tickets-155513086829?aff=estw&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=tw&utm-term=checkoutwidget>
- Also shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 – Check out **FREE** webinar June 23 4pm “**Mathigon 101: Secondary**” <https://eventbrite.com/e/mathigon-101-secondary-tickets-155506260411?aff=estw&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=tw&utm-term=checkoutwidget>

Explorations



- Shared by **C2C** – Classroom to Communities, connecting learners with place and the outdoors: <https://c2c-bc.org/> Sign up for their newsletter on the website.
- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 – Check out Sustainable Stewards <https://sustainablestewards.weebly.com> a collaborative grade 5 and grade 9 unit to improve student sustainability efforts by engaging them in the wonders and joys of nature play in a hands-on, action-based project.
- Shared by Lauren MacLean @lkmaclea – It was such an honour talking to @LeytonSchnell about **place-conscious learning in the middle school years**. I hope you get as much out of this conversation as I did: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1702648/8532147>
- Shared by Canadian Geographic Education @CanGeoEdu – **Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada**: <https://cangeoeducation.ca/en/maps/indigenous-peoples-atlas->

of-canada/ - To kick off **National Indigenous History Month**, we are highlighting the Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada, which explores the perspectives and cultures of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit, as well as the journey of truth and reconciliation. Learn about connections to the land, Indigenous governance, treaties and more with our Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada activities. Our Giant Floor Map and tiled map that can be paired with amazing resources to dive deeper into Indigenous learning.

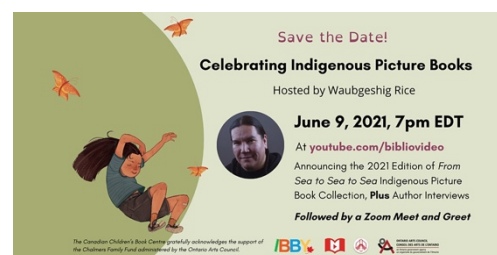
PHE/SEL



Indigenous Understanding



- Shared by **Physical & Health Education in BC** @PHEinBC - Important points to consider if #PE Ts are still allowing the picking of students for teams in #physed. There are many more creative, supportive & inclusive ways to form teams <https://bit.ly/3fPvrtH> #bced @PHECanada
- Shared by Kim Schonert-Reichl @kimschon - Did you miss it? #MDI School District & Community Reports for the 2020/21 school year are now online. View yours at <http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/maps/mdi/nh/>
- Subscribe to the **Strong Nations** newsletter and check their website: <https://www.strongnations.com/>
- Shared by Monique Gray Smith @Itldrum - **Celebrating Indigenous Picture Books:** <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/celebrating-indigenous-picture-books-registration-154316399505?aff=eand>
- Shared by School District 44 @NVSD44
Check out the May 17-28 issue **Indigenous Education flyer** (bottom, right side): <https://www.sd44.ca/ProgramsServices/indigenous-education/Pages/default.aspx#/=/>
As well, take a look at the many excellent resources shared on this site, including a link shared by Sharlene Weingart: Gladys We Never Knew: <https://bctf.ca/GladysWeNeverKnew/>
- Shared by Janice Novakowski @jnovakowski38 - So many inspirational connected projects shared this afternoon during the 10th annual Indigenous Math Symposium. Resources from educators will be shared soon on the website: <https://indigenous.mathnetwork.educ.ubc.ca>
- Shared by Project of Heart @projectofheart - The history and legacy of residential schools in BC: <https://projectofheart.ca/bc/>
- Shared by Monique Gray Smith @Itldrum - For all you parents, grandparents, educators, and journalists who have been reaching out to me asking **how to talk to kids about Residential School**...here's a lil video I made for you: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ebOJ_IMCVvk **PLEASE WATCH THIS VIDEO.**



Assessment



- Shared by Shannon Schinkel @dramaqueenbrc on Twitter. Image courtesy of Tyler Rablin @Mr_Rablin "trying to capture some of his thinking about calculating final "grades" for report cards.

Single Student Data

Different attempts at a standard during the learning process.

Calculated by prioritizing recent and consistent evidence.

Standards in a Unit	Attempt 1	Attempt 2	Attempt 3	Attempt 4	Attempt 5	Summative Score
Standard 1	3	3	4	5	5	5
Standard 2	3	2	3	4	4	4
Standard 3	3	4	4	4	5	5
Standard 4	2	2	3	3	3	3
Standard 5	3	3	3	4	4	4

Typically averaged to find a final grade, but inaccurately reports current levels of understanding. This is an average over time, not an average across skills.

If you must convert proficiency scores to a grade, use the mean of these to calculate it. This emphasizes more recent evidence and results in a more accurate grade.

- Also shared by Shannon Schinkel @dramaqueenbrc on her personal blog. Many additional

helpful resources for secondary humanities here as well: **Striving to Assess the Write Way - my growth mindset**

Write Way - my growth mindset

<https://mygrowthmindset.home.blog/2021/05/23/striving-to-assess-the-write-way/>

- Shared by Tom Schimmer @TomSchimmerPod - Tom Schimmer Podcasts has now joined the @teachbetterteam Podcast Network:

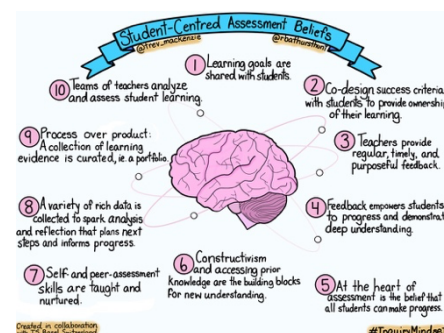
<https://www.teachbetter.com/podcasts/the-tom-schimmer-podcast/>

- Shared by Trevor Mackenzie @trev_mackenzie in his latest book, **Inquiry Mindset Assessment Edition**

- Shared by Katie White @KatieWhite426 - I have an official title for the new book! It's a mouthful BUT you know what you are getting... **Student**

Self-Assessment: Data Notebooks,

Portfolios, and Other Tools to Advance Learning. Pre-orders begin in June.



Professional Learning & Resources



- Shared by CASEL @caselorg - Don't miss out! Summer is a time to plan for a strong school year launch. Join us to learn how you can prioritize SEL as you lead your school into this new school year. Register now: <https://bit.ly/3fNiKRO>
- This year, we're proud to announce that **Every Child Matters** is growing from a single day to a full week of Truth and Reconciliation programming. Together, we can build on the success of Every Child Matters and continue the conversation on First Nations treaties, Métis and Inuit Land Claims, and the residential school system. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, **Truth and Reconciliation Week will take place virtually the week of September 27 through October 1, 2021.** To learn more and register, go here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/truth-and-reconciliation-week-tickets-153491752965>



A bill creating a statutory holiday to commemorate the tragic legacy of residential schools in Canada has been passed unanimously by the Senate. Bill C-5 is expected to receive royal assent later today, in time for **September 30** to become the first **national day for truth and reconciliation.**